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Eltife cosponsors bill to stifle skyrocketing tuition

By Joseph Elerson
Staff Writer

Texas Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, says he supports freezing college tuition rates so working class families can afford higher education for their children.

Eltife is a co-sponsor for Senate Bill 105, a tuition bill pre-filed on the first-day of the 81st Legislative Session by Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa.

The bill would establish a two-year moratorium on tuition rate increases and limit future increases to key economic indicators.

The proposed law also would allow legislative evaluations and increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

"I think that this bill is a concern for students," Eltife said. "More than ever we need to make college more affordable and we are currently headed in the wrong direction in this state."

The senator said he hopes legislators will not increase tuition after the two years is up.

"We need to put a full-court press on getting this under control," he said.

Eltife said legislators cannot blame college and universities for the rising cost of tuition.

"I think the escalation in tuition has been out of control. We have been pricing students out of tuition for too long now," he said. "We have got to get some kind of control on the runaway tuition."

Following the two-year moratorium, the universities Board of Regents for Texas could increase tuition rates only once a year. Any increase would be capped by the yearly increase in the Consumer Price Index, an inflation tracker, according to information released from Sen. Hinojosa's office.

The amount of tuition the governing board of an institution of higher education charges to a student for an academic year cannot exceed the total amount of tuition that the governing board would have charged under this section to a similarly situated student in the preceding academic year, according to SB 105.

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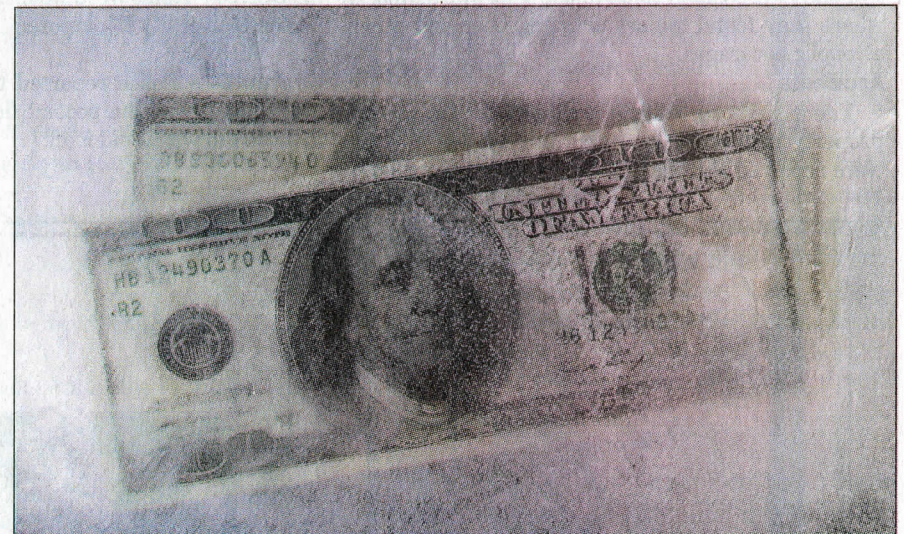


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University unveils warning system

By Aaron May
Staff Writer

Loud sirens and thundering voices. It's not a message from the gods. It's the new University outdoor warning system.

The system, which was installed in November, is designed to inform students of campus emergencies.

University Police Chief Mike Medders said the system is pro-

hazardous material spills, different tones for tornadoes and other severe weather and campus evacuations such as a shooting.

Medders said safety officials at universities nationwide are instituting similar warning systems to better inform the campus communities.

The University Police Department already has the ability to notify students and faculty through

GAZA



University Police Chief Mike Medders said the system is programmed to broadcast tones and pre-recorded messages to notify students and faculty of a variety of situations not just tornadoes.

"The City of Tyler's alarm system is only used if a tornado touches down within city limits," Medders said. "We can activate our system whenever we want."

Medders said the campus system could be activated whenever the surrounding community is affected, such as Chapel Hill.

The system is currently being tested regularly to ensure it remains in proper working condition, Medders said. The tests will eventually be limited to once a month on the first Tuesday if the weather is clear.

Students say the warning system has already grabbed their attention.

"It's really loud," psychology major Kellie Daniel said.

She said the test happened during finals week and she believed it was distracting for students who were taking tests.

Wesley Norton, a sociology and history major, said he lives four blocks from campus and can hear the warnings from his home.

Daniel said the tests aren't as loud now as they were then and she said she likes the system because it's not just for weather.

"Every college that has residential areas around it should have something like this because the city doesn't always cover it," she said.

The system has messages for law enforcement emergencies,

ment already has the ability to notify students and faculty through cellular telephone text-messages, e-mail and voice mail, he said.

University Police Sgt. Heath Cariker said the new outdoor warning system is "the fastest way to get the message out to the most people."

The system is only intended for outdoors, though it can be heard in some buildings, Medders said.

He said it is to notify people to move indoors, seek shelter and wait for further instructions.

Medders said the cost of installing an indoor warning system is too high. However, the department has purchased wireless informer boxes, which will be placed in high traffic areas of campus buildings and provide information.

He said the combination of all the systems should provide information to enough people that everyone should know something, even if it's just word-of-mouth from other students.

He said the department also is working with software developers to create a program that will take over computers connected to the campus network and display emergency information.

This will allow teachers to receive during classes since students can't have cell phones on to receive text messages in the classroom, he said.

He said anyone interested in receiving the emergency text messages could register on the University Police web site at www.uttyler.edu/police.



TALON » ALLEN ARRICK

Protestors chant during a Jan. 16 rally while cars honk as they pass by the T.B. Butler Fountain Plaza in downtown Tyler. The protestors made signs to demonstrate against the war in Israel. The conflict ended with a cease fire Wednesday.

Protestors demonstrate in downtown square

By Allen Arrick

Editor in Chief

About 30 people gathered at the T.B. Butler Fountain Plaza Jan. 16 to protest the war in Gaza.

Amid chants of "end the war" and honks from cars, protestors held signs asking for peace between the two warring factions.

University student Rana Khalifa, who organized the rally via Facebook, was unavailable for comment.

Her note on the social networking Web site, said the rally was to protest the inhumane war.

As you all know the war in Gaza is getting worse and worse. Innocent lives are dying on both sides of the line. Not only is this inhumane but just flat out wrong, Khalifa wrote. This rally is open to everybody who is against the killing of innocent lives.

The protestors stood in the cold for nearly two hours amid

lunchtime traffic on the square in downtown Tyler.

Israeli military forces began its offensive in Gaza on Dec. 27 after the six-month-long cease-fire ended in December, according to a BBC report.

Israel says its aim is to end the rocket attacks by Hamas-linked militants, the BBC reported.

Hamas Health Department officials said more than 1,300 people were killed by air strikes in the Gaza strip, according to the Jerusalem Post, but Israeli officials dispute that number.

A cease-fire went into effect Jan. 18, two days after the protest rally in Tyler, but Hamas continued to fire rockets into Israel, prompting an air strike from the Israeli air force, CNN reported.

On Wednesday, Israel withdrew from Gaza, ending the violence, the BBC reported.

SGA to discuss UC expansion issues

By Joseph Elerson

Staff Writer

Student Government Association officials are dealing with numerous concerns from students about the new University Center expansion.

In the new University Center, the Metamorphosis Café is located on the first floor with the Sports Bar on the second floor while the former UC is being renovated.

The concerns range from students not knowing the rules regarding the Metamorphosis Café, in terms of students having to pay for a meal to sit in the area to making the Sports Bar the area for students to congregate during their breaks.

"The new part of the University Center facility is one of the main concerns and that is something

that we are all going to have make an adjustment to.

Ambort said the main problem with the University Center is setting up a space where students can be on the same page throughout the day.

"We want to set up a game plan for the lounge or the Sports Bar and that is where they intended for students to meet," she said. "That is what the students wanted with the TVs and the burgers and stuff was to be able to congregate with their fellow constituents [students]. I think a lot of students within the MET area thought that area would be a meeting place and everyone was under that impression."

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Interim chairpersons named for com, lit departments

By Aaron May and

Joseph Ellerson

Staff Writers

Two departments named interim chairpersons this year after the current chairmen of the departments either moved or changed positions. Dr. Ann Beebe was named interim chairperson for the Department of Literature and Languages, and Dr. Marsha Matthews was named interim chairperson for the Department of communications.

Beebe was named the new interim chairperson for the spring semester as the search for a permanent chairperson continues.

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Beebe



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POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon obtained the following information from University Police Department reports dated Dec. 4 through Jan. 21.

University police received three separate reports of stolen iPods between Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 from various locations on campus.

One student reported an iPod Nano stolen from a Jeep in parking Lot 16 after someone cut through the vehicle's plastic windows.

In other separate cases, an iPod Shuffle was taken from the University Center lobby and an iPod was taken from Ornelas Residence Hall. The report stated that the student discovered his iPod missing after a fellow student reported a \$100 bill stolen from his dorm room the same day.

MIPs

University police issued 12 citations for possessing alcohol at a University Pines Apartment on Dec. 6.

Police were called to an apartment in Building 6 where they found minors drinking beer and other alcoholic beverages.

Accidents

There were six vehicle accidents on University property between Dec. 4 and Jan. 21. No injuries were reported and the vehicles received only minor

damage.

Other reports

Dec. 9 – A \$100 bill was reported stolen from Ornelas Residence Hall.

Dec. 11 – Police reported a burglary of a habitation at University Pines Apartments.

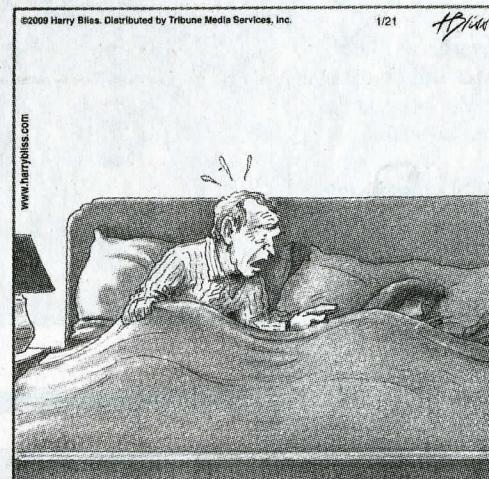
Dec. 17 – The rear window of a blue Volkswagen Jetta was damaged in parking Lot 10.

Dec. 19 – University police issued a warning to a student for criminal trespassing at the University Pines Apartments.

Dec. 19- Dec. 21 – A person reported a Best Buy gift card and an Outback Steak House gift card stolen from a University Pines apartment.

Dec. 31 – Items were stolen from a person's purse at the University Bookstore.

Jan. 18 – Police reported the eastern entrance door handle on the second floor of Ornelas Residence Hall was broken off.

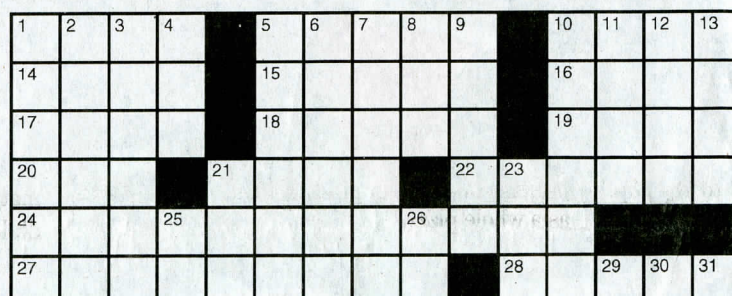


"Laura! Laura! Wake up — I just had the worst nightmare!"

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hazy pollution
- 5 Hearth residue
- 10 Hair colorist
- 14 Punishment stick
- 15 Arrowsmith's first wife
- 16 Part to play
- 17 Large inland sea
- 18 God of Islam



NEWS BRIEFS

Archer Fellowship

Student can now apply for Washington D.C. internships through the Bill Archer Fellowship Program.

The full-time internships allow students to take one weekend and two evening classes taught by University professors, while living near Capitol Hill with students from other University of Texas campuses. Dr. Michael Eidenmuller, associate professor of speech communication and Archer Center campus coordinator said in a press release.

Requirements for the fellowship include:

Must be junior or senior level students

Must have 24 hours completed at the University

Must have an overall 3.0 grade point average

Must complete basic government requirements
Must have work or internship experience

The deadline for submission is Feb. 13. University officials plan to notify finalists by Feb. 20 and notify selected students by April 10.

Selected students must pay a program fee, cost of books and living and work costs.

For more information contact Eidenmuller at 903-566-7093; meidenmuller@uttyler.edu or academic advisor Ashley Ward 903-565-5730; award@uttyler.edu.

Students can visit the fellowship Web site at www.archercenter.org.

Japanese Travel Study

University students have the opportunity to enroll for a travel-study course to Japan May 18-28, according to the Dr. Alisa White, Dean of Arts and Sciences.

The public and students of the University can sign up for ENGL 4368: Japanese Culture and Context, where students can earn three semester credit hours.

The students are scheduled to travel to Ryōanji Rock Garden, Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum, the Himeji Castle in Osaka and Mount Fuji.

"Students will learn how Japanese culture has developed and how it has been interpreted, both within Japan and from outside, through the study

of specific sites," said Noah Miles, lecturer in English and Japanese instructor.

"The class will be required to meet once a week for one month before departing to discuss readings, etiquette and planning. There is no language requirement."

Cost of the travel-study is \$3,494 plus tuition and includes airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation, most meals and event tickets.

Sign up deadlines and student-grant availability are to be determined.

For more information contact Miles at 903-565-5740 or noah-miles@suddenlink.net.

Math Learning Center

The Mathematics Learning Center, located in RBN 4021, offers free tutoring to students taking mathematics courses at the Calculus II level or below.

The center contains computers for students

to work on mathematics projects/homework and there also are tables for one-on-one tutoring.

The center is open at the following times:

- 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday

Undergrad Instructor Awards

The Board of Regents for the University of Texas System is now offering monetary awards for the best undergraduate instructors.

Instructors may nominate two tenured faculty members, one tenure-track faculty member and one contingent (adjunct or lecturer) faculty member. Dr. Jeffrey Mountain said in an announcement released to the faculty.

The names of the nominees will be submitted to the board and then be eligible to receive \$30,000,

\$25,000 and \$15,000 awards respectively.

To be eligible for consideration, an initial dossier containing three letters of nomination from disinterested faculty members, along with a current curriculum vita from the individual under consideration.

The information must be submitted to Dr. Victor Scherb in the Department of Literature and Languages by Feb. 13.

SGA Spring Schedule

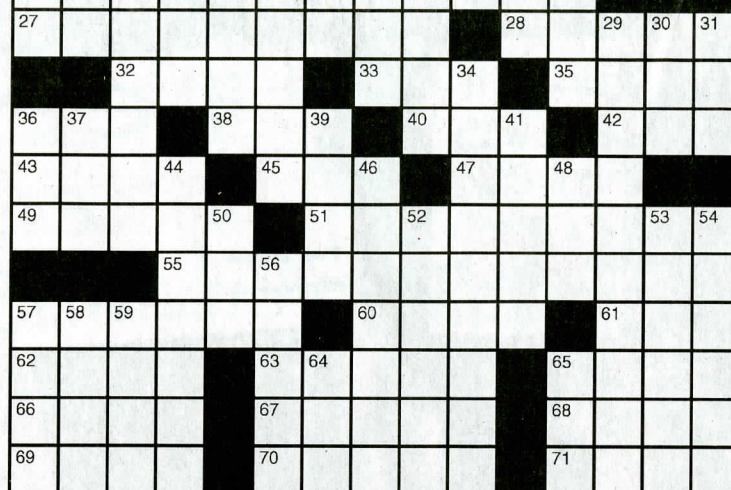
Student Government Association released their events for the spring semester according to a press

- April 13-17- Drive to Serve Week
- April 17- Relay for Life

- 17 Large inland sea
- 18 God of Islam
- 19 Citrus hybrid
- 20 Tear up
- 21 Dunfermline dagger
- 22 Swirled
- 24 Too much to pay
- 27 Uncivilized
- 28 Woven fabrics
- 32 Candle part
- 33 Butter portion
- 35 Descent
- 36 Whitney of Wallach
- 38 Kipling hero
- 40 Letters for pipes
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- 4 Become a jelly
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- 6 Lunar prefix
- 7 In hiding
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- 9 Sub-Saharan region
- 10 Toiled hard
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- 12 Cosmo rival
- 13 Actress Beryl
- 21 Kiss loudly
- 23 Morning moisture
- 25 Slugger's stat
- 26 Quickly, please!
- 29 Kitchen items
- 30 Bunion's location
- 31 Relaxing resort
- 34 At-home fast food
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- 41 Daughter of Ops
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- 64 Expression of wonderment
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Student Government Association released their events for the spring semester according to a press release last week.

Planned dates are as follows:

- March 20- Toga Party
- March 25- candidates' meeting
- April 3- Disc Golf Tournament

- April 13-17- Drive to Serve Week
- April 17- Relay for Life
- April 22-23- SGA Elections

For more information contact Kerrie Ambort, SGA President, at 903-565-5557 or at sga@patrit-ottlyler.edu.

More Parking Lot Closings

A portion of parking Lot 3 is scheduled to be unavailable for about a year due to the construction and renovation of the University Center, Chip Clark, director of facilities planning, construction and operations, announced in a press release.

Students may use alternative parking Lots 2, 6, 10 and 15 if they choose to park on the east side of the campus.

Gregg Lassen, vice president of business affairs, said he doesn't foresee parking being a big problem if students are willing to walk short distances. He said he planned the new parking lot by the Robert R. Muntz Library in anticipation of the current construction project.

He said there is plenty of parking in this lot, even on the busiest days.

Lassen said the current UC construction project should benefit students in the future because

the construction of a new 378-foot auditorium requires more handicapped parking spaces to be placed in the current faculty parking lot. Construction of this lot is scheduled to begin sometime in the summer.

All the student services are still available even with the UC under construction. The Metamorphosis Café is located on the ground floor of the University Center Expansion, with a new café and student lounge on the second floor.

The third floor of the UCN houses the academic advising offices and other student services.

The information desk is located on the second floor by the Corner Store.

The University book store, Subway and career services are temporarily located in the Physical and Health Education building.

Homeless Population Count

The Smith County Coalition for the Homeless needs volunteers to assist the organization's homeless county and survey on Thursday in Tyler.

Teams of volunteers plan to canvass shelters, soup kitchens, streets and parks to count and survey people who are homeless. The gathered infor-

mation will help in determining how to assist the homeless in improving their lives.

For more information or to register as a volunteer visit www.tylerpath.org.

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Rec sports goes skiing



TALON » Elizabeth Barrett

Top: A scenic view of the Rocky Mountains from outside of Durango, Colorado. Durango is 236 miles south west of Denver and is a prime destination for winter sports addicts.

Editors note: This is a first-person account of the University of Tyler's Recreational Sports ski trip to Durango, Colorado from Jan. 4 to Jan. 8.

By Elizabeth Barrett
Staff Writer

On the fourth day of the new year, 42 students and four faculty members headed off on a grand adventure together. Jameson Adams, Heather Barber, Wes Davis, and Kristee Phelps led the rowdy crew to Durango, Colorado for a three-day ski trip.

"The school ski trip was an awesome experience for me, not only because I had never really gone skiing before, but because it was the perfect "get-away" trip altogether. It was a blast skiing the beautiful slopes and being with some pretty awesome people at the same time. Definitely an experience I will never forget," Michelle Viskozki said.

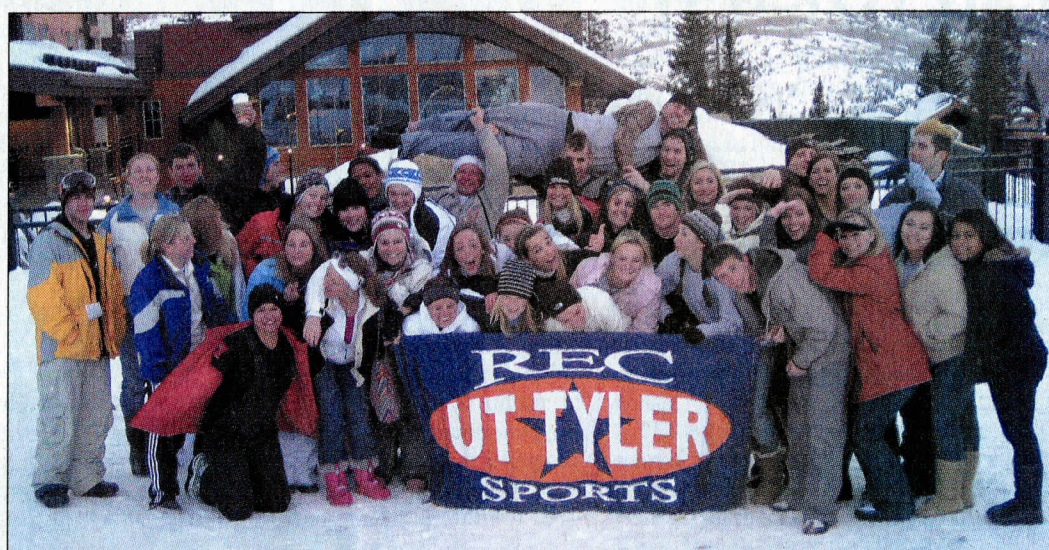
Jan. 4

Once everyone was on board the bus and ready to go, we drove throughout the night until we reached our first stop in Amarillo. Trying to figure out how to

was powder fresh and awaiting us. The slopes opened at 9 a.m. and most people were up, out the door and waiting for the lifts to open by 8:45 a.m. I stuck to the bunny slope the first half of the morning. After all, it had been 10 years since I last skied.

A handful of the University's women's soccer team came on the trip. The majority of the soccer girls decided to snow board. Some previously had experience, but most were trying it out for the first time.

"Snowboarding for the first time was such a fun, but challenging experience that I can't wait to do again. It was awesome to experience it with the soccer team by my side," sophomore Kendall Kramer said



TALON » ELIZABETH BARRETT

42 University students and four staff members pose in front of the Durango Mountain Resort.

on the entire mountain at an elevation of 10,822 feet!

Not only were we going to the top, but the only ski runs we saw coming down looked like double blacks, the

(Carrie Kathan, senior) By the way, the reason they only sell pizza by the slice is because one slice of pizza is about as big as a whole pizza!

Jan. 8

Defy the Third Reich

Daniel Craig saves citizens during World War Two

By Ashley Stewart
Staff Writer

Rating: R for violence and language

Running Time: 137 Minutes

In 1941, during WWII, three Jewish brothers try to escape the Gestapo's brutality on the Polish Jews. They choose to hide in a forest that they had played in during their childhood and try to survive, relying only on their knowledge and some limited resources.

Soon, other families learn of their hiding, and they come to them to seek refuge. Tuvia Bielski, the oldest brother played by Daniel Craig, becomes the dominant brother of the group, followed by Zus, the middle brother played by Liev Schreiber, is more aggressive in his actions than Tuvia, and decides to get what he wants through force. Asael played by Jamie Bell is the youngest, and is the voice of reasoning and compassion in the family because he is still a child.

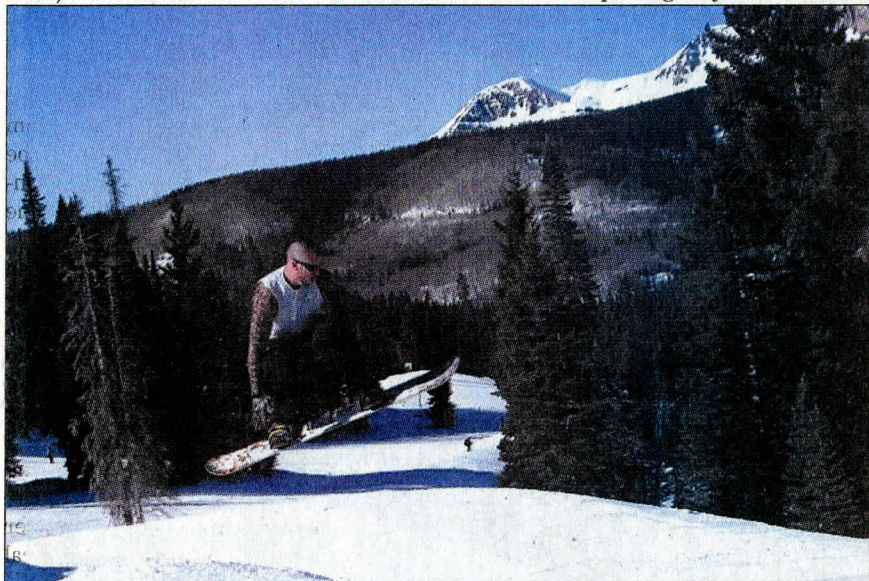
All the brothers exhibit different personalities that match well together to create a diplomatic group of leaders. The brothers, and the families that

the night until we reached our first stop in Amarillo. Trying to figure out how to sleep comfortably on that bus was like attempting to solve a jigsaw puzzle in which none of the pieces fit. A few girls resorted to sleeping in the aisle on top of their blankets. Genius. I, on the other hand, was blessed with about one to two

with the soccer team by my side, sophomore Kendall Kramer said.

"It was a great opportunity for me to get to know some of my friends a little better and see them enjoy one of my favorite things in the world," junior Lauren Pate said.

After conquering my fear of the



Senior Justin Carney makes snowboard jump on one of the intermediate runs. The resort offers 51 percent of intermediate runs and 49 percent of hard/easy runs.

hours of halfway sleeping that night.

Jan. 5

We stopped in Amarillo just before 5 a.m. so we could switch drivers, take bathroom breaks and grab a snack before hitting the road again. The next stop was Albuquerque, New Mexico where we stopped for breakfast. This was also where we first laid our eyes, feet and, for some of us, our hands, on snow. Once we reached Durango, we stopped at the local Wal-Mart so we could all buy food. After filling an already stuffed bus with three days worth of food for more than 40 people, we drove another hour before we reached Durango Mountain Resort. Everyone was ordered to unload their things, drop them off in our designated condominiums, and gather in the main lodge for a meeting. After the briefing, we went to the rental store to get sized for boots and pick up our gear.

The condos were very nice, but packed a little tightly. Luckily, all of my roommates and, more importantly, my bed mates were very friendly. I had the privilege of sharing a pull-out couch bed with freshman Michelle Strickler and senior Sarah Leamer.

Most of us went to be extremely early that night. Strickler, Leamer and myself were in bed by 9 p.m. and asleep before 9:30 p.m. It was so nice to be able to sleep on a complete flat surface, no matter how oddly contorted the mattress was.

Jan. 6

The first day went smoothly. The snow

bunny slope, I went up the mountain. My "guardians," as I so lovingly named them, were none other than my bed mate Strickler, freshman Sarah Sorce and senior Carrie Kathan. I only fell five times that day, and none of them were truly horrifying busts. We stuck mostly to the green runs that day. Green runs are the easiest runs for most people. They are flatter in most areas and do not have moguls, which are the bumps that some blues runs and almost all black runs have. Blue runs are usually very steep, and black runs were created by Satan. Okay, maybe I exaggerated a little, but black runs are the most difficult. They are normally very steep, sometimes narrow and 99 percent of the time they have moguls.

Jan. 7

The next morning, a number of people were a little slower getting out of bed. But still, another full day of skiing or boarding awaited that we could not let go to waste.

Mid-morning, I was skiing along with two boarders, junior Kaleb Nix and senior Justin Carney. The next thing you know, Justin has disappeared. Kaleb and I venture on and try to find him, but we wind up at lift eight, which neither of us had even heard of. Obviously, there was nothing else for us to do but take the lift and figure out the correct way back to the base. When we started up the ski lift, we noticed the incline to the top was much steeper than we had seen. Turns out we were heading to the highest point

down looked like double blacks, the hardest runs to do. I'd rather take my skis off and walk down than try and ski down a black. As it turns out, there were different routes leading down that were manageable for my skill level, and we made it down safely.

Around lunchtime, a group of people met at the Powderhouse, a restaurant on the front side of the mountain. An overly priced restaurant, I might add. Most of the people who bought actual meals spent at least \$25, probably more. However, it was really nice getting to sit down with a wide variety of people, hang out and talk.

Soon after lunch, the one thing I dreaded happening actually happened. A few people from lunch started down a blue run. I was going practically full speed down a hill when I saw something out of the corner of my eye. The next thing I know, senior Carrie Kathan and I collided. "I reached the top of the hill just after Carrie and Elizabeth had crashed. I seriously thought that they were dead and freaked out because neither of them were moving," freshman Michele Strickler said. When I felt Carrie hit me, I immediately threw my ski poles in the air so I had full use of my hands. My life didn't flash before my eyes, but the sky, one of Carrie's skis and some snow did. Along with our friends, two retired military men stopped to help and make sure that other skiers saw us on the ground.

"I was further down the run waiting for everyone when I turned around to look at the view. I heard a scream, saw a huge puff of snow and realized that Carrie and Elizabeth had crashed into each other. I can't believe that no one was badly injured," freshman Sarah Sorce said. I tried to stand up a few times, but finally let one of the men help me up. Carrie and I gave ourselves a few minutes to calm down and stop shaking before we decided we could finish the run on our own. After that crash, I decided I was going to go ahead and stop for the day. I figured I had already tested my luck enough. On a side note, the bruises that either of us received were minor and have disappeared since we have returned home.

A lot of the girls left the slopes early that afternoon to get ready for our trip to downtown Durango planned for that night. Once dropped off in downtown, everyone had the choice to go to any restaurant. "We found this little pizza shop called DSP Pizza by the Slice right off Main St. We had such a good time, and I can't wait to do it again!"

Jan. 8

It was bittersweet waking up Thursday morning. We had a full day of skiing left, but the sooner the day passed, the sooner we would be returning to Tyler and getting ready for another long, long semester. Thursday was a surprisingly warm day. I wore a T-shirt under my jacket, and a few people didn't even have to wear jackets. The entire UT Tyler group met twice that day to take group pictures. Once on top of the mountain, and the other was after we had all turned in our rentals at just after 5 p.m. We were told to get plenty of sleep that night for the long drive ahead, however most of us didn't listen. A large group gathered in the guys' condo that night to hang out, talk about the trip and some of us even stayed up all night. I was one of the few who didn't go to sleep and was SO glad I didn't the next day. Other than staying awake long enough to watch Sex and the City, I slept practically the entire ride home.

I had an amazing time on this ski trip. The majority of my dues were paid as a Christmas present by my father, Dr. Drew Barrett. I hope I get the opportunity to go again next year, because this is the first time that I haven't gained weight over a Christmas vacation since I can remember! Thank you UT Tyler Rec Sports, Dad and all of the people who made this trip what it was.



TALON » ELIZABETH BARRETT

Ski lift at the Durango Mountain Resort. The resort runs 10 total lifts, and touts 1,200 acres of skiable acres.

brothers, and the families that have come to live with them, build a community and rely on each other to survive until the war ends.

This film has great juxtaposition between the contrasting themes of war and death, and family and community. The exiles are required to live in the woods and gather their supplies for the community for themselves. All of the characters grow from this experience and become a family that never gives up and defies the odds.

The acting is fantastic and Schreiber has never done a better job.

The cinematography is breathtaking and the editing of the camera angles and shots were done perfectly. The outdoor wedding during the snow shower is completely serene.

The way the movie is shot, even though there is a lot of blood, it's not gory. The scenes are still effective in getting the point across.

This movie is inspiring and should make the audience appreciate what they have in life compared to what the Polish Jews had to endure.

It is unbelievable that this is a true story. Because of these brothers hundreds of people were kept out of concentration camps.

There are numerous themes and life lessons that flow throughout the film. It is definitely a movie to go see. It is a great combination of action, drama, romance, and surprisingly, a little dose of comedy, such as the mid-movie wedding.

This film has received an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Score. This film should have been nominated for Best Cinematography also, but apparently there are movies out there that are more picturesque than Defiance, but nothing comes to my mind.

Defiance receives a five out of five stars rating because it is action packed, dramatic, contained humorous moments, and because it is such an inspiring film.

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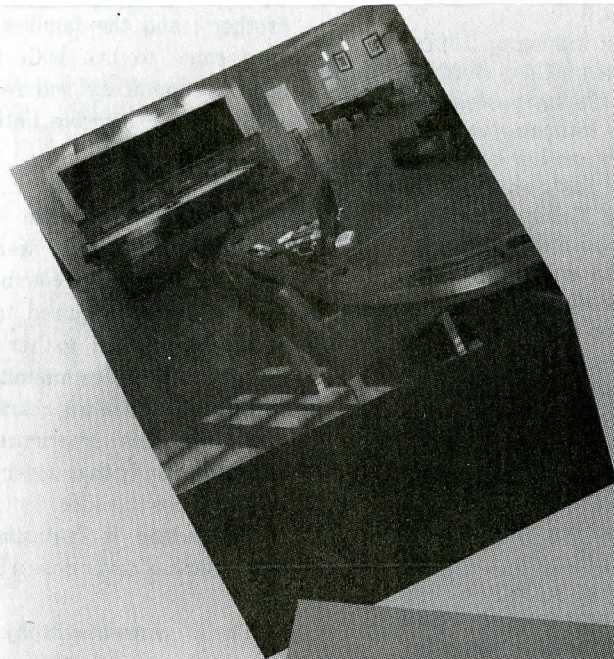
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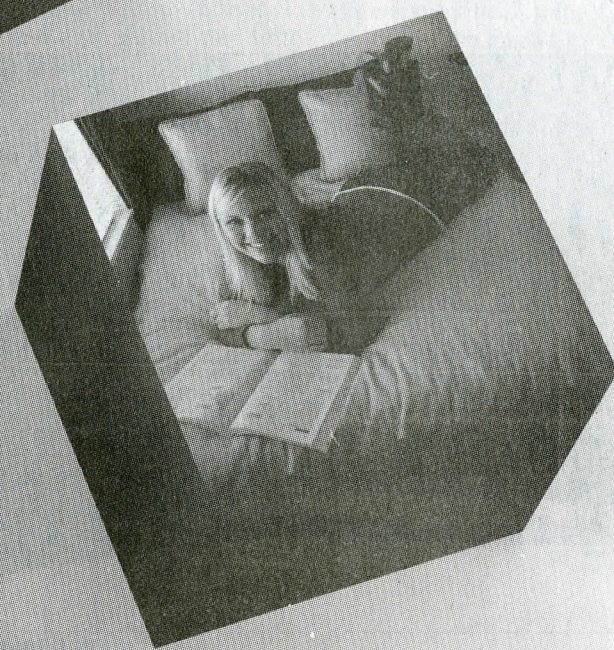
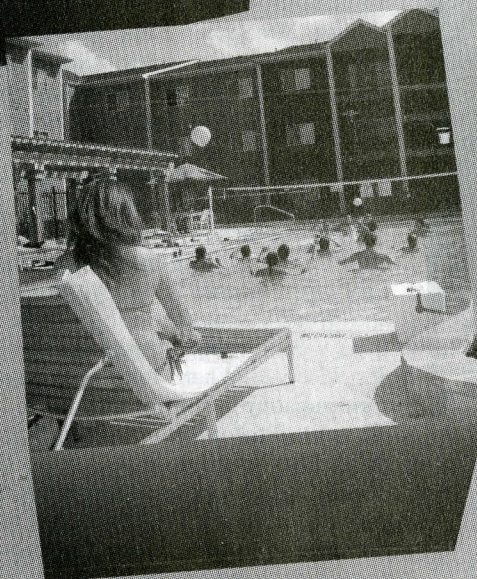
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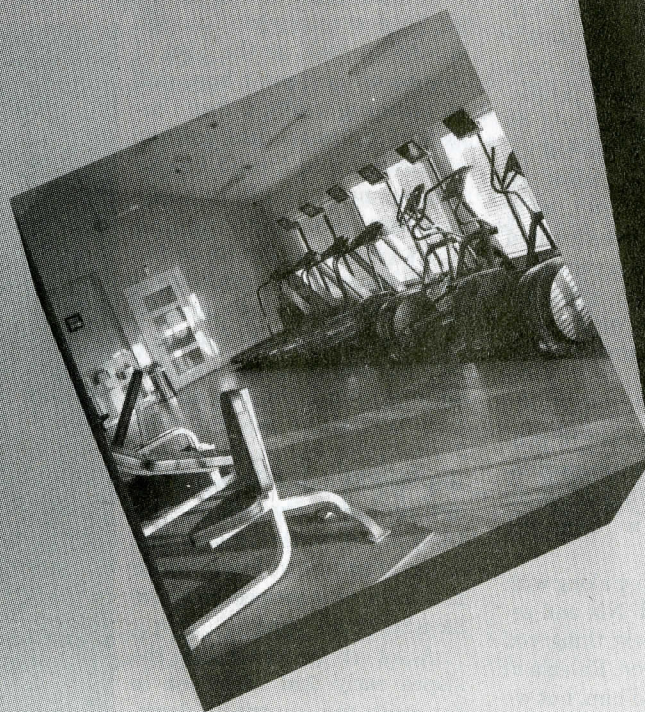
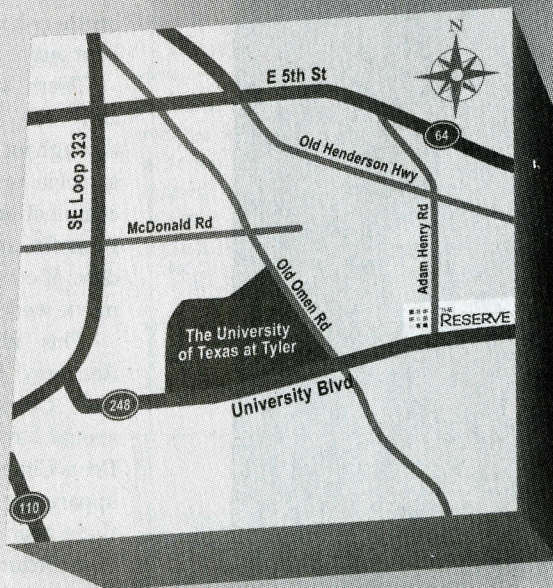


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Freeze

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As for student-related fees, the bill would allow only those approved by a majority of student voters unless they are required or allowed by statute, according to a press release by Hinojosa.

For University of Texas at Tyler students, the current designated tuition rate is set at \$95 per semester credit hour for undergrad students, which means a student taken 12 semester hours, totals \$1,140 per semester for tuition alone.

An undergraduate's total bill for a 12-hour semester if \$2,382 — a cost which includes designated tuition, and fees for automated services, international education, basic computer access, the performing arts center, recreational facilities, records, medical services, the student union, and intercollegiate athletics.

"We have raised tuition but less than the amount of the state average. Our tuition and fees are still below the state average and yet we are a school

that performs above the state average," President Rodney Mabry said regarding information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "I don't think that our tuition is too high for the students but on the other hand I would like to stop raising tuition."

Mabry said the data in the tuition moratorium bill is somewhat misleading at first glance.

"I guess I am torn regarding whether to be for or against the moratorium on tuition increases, he said. "One reason is because there is missing data in that we do not know how much funding for higher education we'll get from the legislature for the period of the moratorium. In particular, if UT Tyler could get some kind of modest 2 or 3 percent increase in state dollars per student, then it would make it easier for us to hold the line on tuition."

Since the 78th Regular Session in 2003 when the regents of the state public university systems set

tuition rates, the combined tuition and fees at four-year universities have increased 53 percent, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"Of course, it concerns me a great deal," Mabry said. "In fact, I have often said that if we could get the same operating dollars per FTE [full-time equivalent] student from the State that we had in 2003 when the legislature deregulated tuition, UT Tyler would be happy to roll back its tuition to what it was then. That is, we would rescind all of our increases."

Student Government Association president Kerrie Ambort said as a member of the student body on campus, she understands how tuition rates can affect students.

"As a student, I understand that the cost of tuition is extremely high right now," she said. "It is a constant struggle between UT-Tyler specifically to

be able to provide the quality education and make it affordable. If it is something that is set and if it lowers the price of college it might lower the quality of the education in which the students are receiving."

Ambort said there is a downside to the proposed tuition freeze.

"If we take the institution's ability to set their tuition that, then in turn, could possibly lower the standard or the competitiveness that they universities provide," she said.

"Constantly raising tuition again would make it tough for students, but I hope the administration would counteract that with providing more opportunities for students."

Mabry said the tuition moratorium bill has some good points, but keeping the integrity of the campus is an ultimate goal.

"I feel for our students, but I also want to protect the quality of the University," he said.

Interim

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Beebe, an associate professor in the English department, became the interim chairperson after Dr. Paul Streufert became the director of the department's honors program. Streufert filled the role during the fall of 2008.

Beebe, who has been with the University for eight years, said her main goal for this semester is to "not mess up."

Being an interim chair is like being a caretaker, she said.

"I have to plan the fall schedule, handle budget issues, deal with student complaints, do faculty evaluations and find ways to help improve enrollment and recruitment of students," she said.

Beebe also advises graduate students for the English department and teaches classes in American literature and freshman composition.

Beebe received her doctorate in English from The University of Kentucky in 2000 and taught as a visiting assistant professor at The University of Maine at Farmington before coming to the University in the fall of 2001.

Beebe said she hopes to have her department well organized by the end of the semester.

She intends to make the job easier for the next interim chairperson by organizing a folder, which contains all the policies and procedures a chairperson needs to know.

Dr. Alisa White, dean for the college of arts and sciences, appointed Beebe to the position and said she is known for her creativity in the classroom.

White said, "Dr. Beebe is known as a creative teacher — evidenced by her winning the White Teaching Fellowship a couple years ago — and she will bring her creativity to the department of literature and languages as the search for a permanent chair proceeds."

Beebe said she serves with five other professors on the committee to hire a permanent chairperson. She said the search is going well.

"We have narrowed the field down and began inviting professors for on campus visits," she said.

White said they have invited three candidates and interviewed one so far.

Matthews

While the search for a chairperson begins within the department of communication, Dr. Marsha Matthews was named the third interim chair

in as many years for the spring semester.

"Dr. Matthews has experience in both journalism and speech communication, and has taught for nearly a decade before coming to UT-Tyler," Alisa White, dean for the college of arts and sciences, said. "She's a consensus builder who will do a good job moving the department forward while serving as interim chair."

Matthews serves as an assistant professor of journalism and is in her third year at the University. She was named interim chair in December by White.

"I feel honored that the dean would allow me to do this," Matthews said. "It has been three years since we have had a permanent chair and that person was Dr. White."

Matthews takes over the department after Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs left over the break to be with his wife in Thailand.

She is the third interim chair in the past three years as Dr. Roger Conaway was interim chair from 2006-2007 and Hobbs was interim chair from fall 2007-fall 2008.

Matthews conducts research in meaning making, creativity and loss, the relationship of meaning making and critical thinking and sense making in public relations/communication campaign development, with a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma.

She said her main goal as interim chair is to keep the department running smoothly during the spring semester.

"I am learning on the job, but I want to make sure we are progressing in the right direction," she said.

The Department of Communication has three new professors on staff after losing Hobbs and Conaway over the break. Conaway took a teaching job in Mexico teaching business related courses.

"We have some good faculty who have joined us this year," she said.

Matthews said a search committee headed by Don McClaugherty is starting to interview candidates and have interviewed two candidates for the permanent chair already.

Within the Department of Communication, she can teach up to five classes and is also a member of the Faculty Senate representing the College of Arts and Sciences and a secretary for the University Faculty Senate.

SGA

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Another alternative to the University Center expansion, which is being addressed, is possibly using the ballroom on the third floor as a spot for students to relax.

Ambort said University officials along with the SGA are discussing the possibility of using the third floor ballroom as an alternative location for students to gather between classes.

"We are also looking at the MET and everyone was under the impression that was going to be an open area and that is something that we are addressing with the head of Aramark, who runs the dining services for the University. That was a concern from the first day of classes and we have had students that have addressed that issue to me."

With the SGA offices being on top of this issue on the third floor of the UCN, Ambort said students can come by any time during the day to talk with members of the SGA.

"We want them to know that our office location is very accessible and that the doors are always open to students. It is very important for students to come to us rather it is within their college or something that is campus-wide that is an issue."

The senators have developed their goals and objectives for the school year from being a stronger voice for the University and being active in campus-wide events, but not release the full list to the student body.

"We have some goals and objectives that I will not be able to give out until they are approved by the senators at the meeting," Ambort said. "I want to make sure that they are approved they way that they want them to be."

"What we did last week was everyone filled out a goal sheet of stuff that we want to accomplish this semester. After the meeting and once everything is approved and there are no corrections then we will release them."

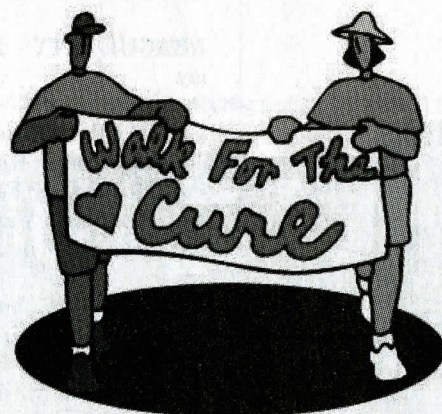
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Mabry announces fall 2008 president's honor roll

The University named 293 students to the president's honor roll for the 2008 fall semester, President Rodney Mabry announced.

To be named to the president's honor roll, a student must have completed, in one semester, 12 or more semester credit hours with grades of "A" in all courses that carry grade points.

President's honor roll students listed by hometown are:

ALLEN – Matthew Bryson.

AMARILLO – Joshua Long.

ARP – Stephanie Sorich.

ATHENS – Glenda Matthews and Meagan Pagitt.

AUSTIN – Anna Heinen, Robert Sajovich and Melissa Thomas.

BEAUMONT – Amanda Kelley.

BELTON – Brooke Guthrie.

BEN WHEELER – Nathan Bailey.

BIG SANDY – Chastadee Hill.

BONHAM – Annie Baker and Akasha Eaton.

BREMOND – Jacob Burnett.

BROWNSBORO – Lindsay Owen.

BUFFALO – Rebecca Taylor.

BULLARD – Michelle Balfay.

CANTON – Jayme Quick and Brittany Whitaker.

CHANDLER – Denise Davis, Lauren Fletcher, Sonia Mejia and Elwyn Welch.

CONROE – Mallory Medved.

COPPELL – Michael Thomas.

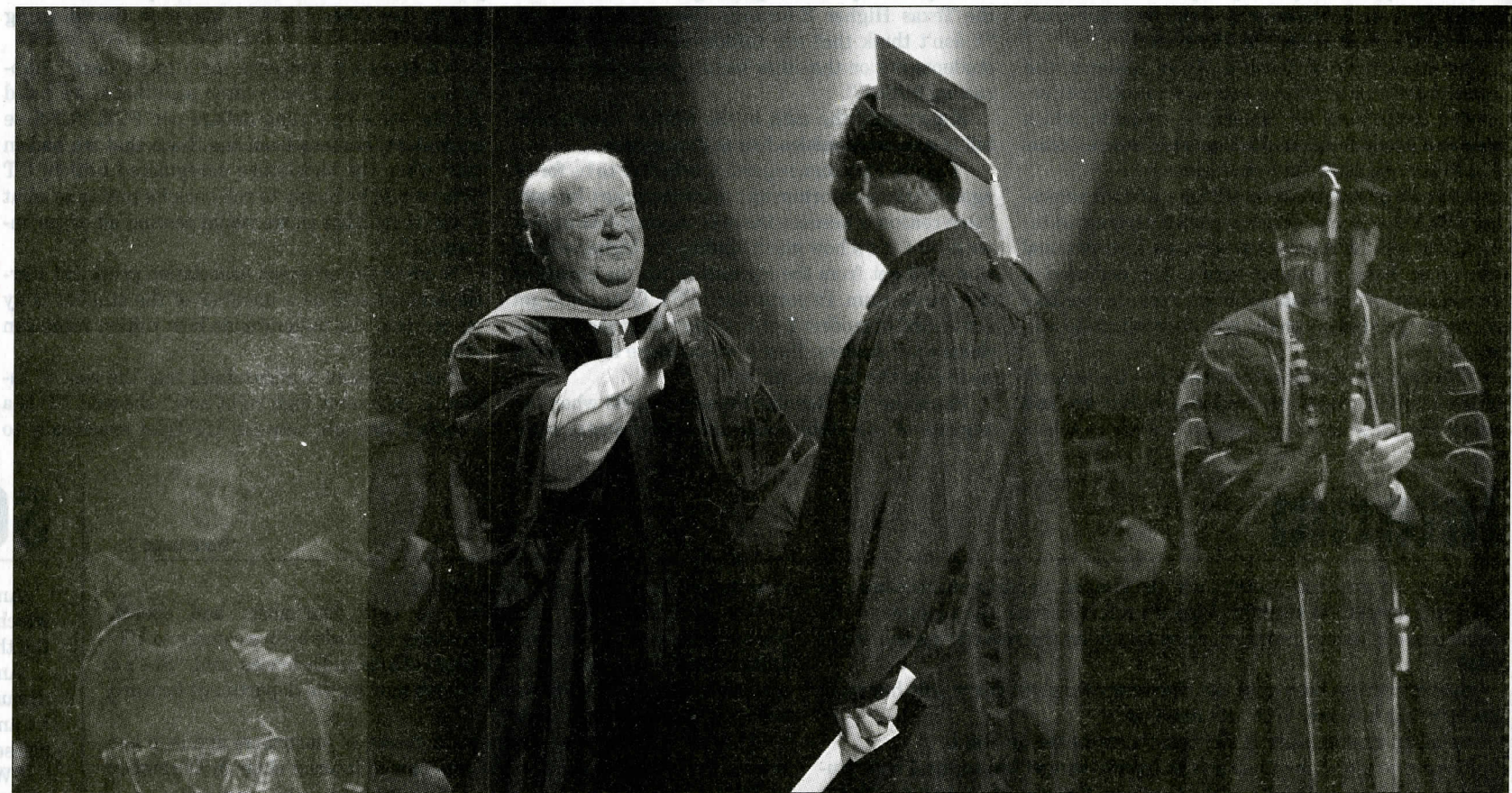
COPPERAS COVE – Jennifer Deem.

CORSICANA – Kelsey Ainsworth.

CRANDALL – Laura Blackburn.

DIANA – Karla Thomas.

EDGEWOOD – Debra McEnturff.



TALON » JOSEPH SOLOMON
Commencement speaker Thomas L. Harken, CEO of Harken and Associates congratulates a student at the fall 2008 college of Business and Technology graduation.

FAIRFIELD – Jay Williams.

FLINT – James Gardner, Nathan Grounds and Angela Shoffner.

FLOWER MOUND – Chelsea Brown.

FORNEY – Lori Young.

FORT WORTH – Jessica Beene and Lindsey Palmer.

FRANKSTON – Paul Parker.

FRIENDSWOOD – Steffani Hildebrandt.

FRISCO – Corey Kellam.

GEORGETOWN – Megan Epke.

GILMER – Jerilyn Davis, Samantha Griffin, Stanley Kinney, Michael Singleton and Stephanie Waller.

GLADEWATER – Katie Abernathy, Vanessa Lawson, Kristi Murray, Jocelyn Roush and Stephaney

Wallace.

GRAND SALINE – Jennifer Davis.

GRAPELAND – Cheryl Downs.

GRAPEVINE – Michael Laney.

GREENVILLE – Lance Brogan and Nathan Smith.

GROESBECK – Blair Wilson.

GUN BARREL CITY – Paul Atkinson.

GUNTER – Tyler Lowing.

HALLSVILLE – Daniel Combs, Jeanine Galusha, Rebekah Gillespie, Tanya Grogan and William Sharp.

HENDERSON – Staci Curry, Jim Fields, Blair Glenn and Rachel Newton.

HOUSTON – Allison Hurt, Nicholas Kreines, Caitlyn Scelfo and Samantha Steinley.

OVERTON – Natalie Glover.

PALESTINE – Danielle Bernardo, Kathy Drinning, Nichol Hopkins, Linda Sheridan, Jamie Sibley and Ashley Taylor.

PARIS – Carsen Ellexson and Anna Lewis.

PEARLAND – Kayla Shannon and Nerice Williams.

PLANO – Kristen Chockley, Julie Dugas and Erin McKeefe.

QUITMAN – Maino Graham.

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Califorina University looks to expel squirrels

By M.S. Enkoji

McClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – If your life centered on foraging for nuts and neat places to hide them, wouldn't the woodsy confines of a placid college campus seem divine?

No natural enemies to speak of for miles around.

Lots of trees to scurry up and down.

Occasional tasty handouts from people, just for swishing your bushy tail and looking cute.

That's what about 400 Eastern fox squirrels must be thinking as they make themselves at home on the rambling campus of the University of California, Davis.

"The population is exploding," said Sal Genito, the school's director of buildings and grounds.

UC Davis has a scientific project under way to reduce the population – the squirrels, after all, are pests – and it won't involve either firearms or poison.

"Nobody gets hurt; everybody's happy," Genito said.

The squirrels, unlike the Western gray squirrel, are not natives of the campus; they're not even native to the West, hence the name Eastern fox. They have taken up residence in cities on the West Coast, though.

In the past few years, on the Davis campus, they've multiplied so that they've worn out their welcome.

Speed-racing up tree trunks is damaging bark on 100-year-old grand dames. On occasion, some of the emboldened varmints will saunter into campus buildings, causing a stir. One apparently zoomed across the path of a bicycle going full tilt, causing a nasty spill.

Unchecked, a burgeoning population could upset the environmental balance, overrun the school's research orchards and even injure people if the squirrels start grabbing for food.

Wildlife experts at the school have launched a birth-control project that should reduce the population within a decade to a smaller, more manageable population.

Scientists and students have set cage traps to capture the squirrels, mark them with black dye and release them. To understand how the squirrels behave, scientists are observing the marked squirrels as they romp across lawns.

In the summer, the squirrels will be recaptured. Some will be injected with a hormone to stop reproduction, and others will get a placebo. If the hormone works without problems, the squirrel population will taper off and a new method will be born to use on other mammal pests.

Genito, whose duties make him something of a park director, is familiar with every creature on campus.

Aboard a golf cart, he motored down walkways canopied by trees this week in search of those twitching, auburn tails.

A fifth of the 5,000-acre campus is essentially parkland, complete with streams, meadows and, of course, nut-bearing trees.

Stopping before a thick-waisted redwood, he pointed out deep furrows in the bark caused by squirrel traffic.

He passed under heavy branches where, at times, some of the culprits would peer down, watchful, but relaxed.

Clearly, they're too comfortable in their adopted home, Genito said.

So are bats, rabbits, mice, rats and feral cats.

They could be next.

Future of school textbooks written in cyberspace

By Mara Rose Williams

McClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Northwest Missouri State University students started spring semester classes Monday, but many aren't lugging thick textbooks around campus.

Instead, most students are carrying a lightweight electronic device that can fit in a coat pocket and hold the textbook material for all their classes. Some students will download their text information onto their laptops.

At Northwest, textbooks – at least the bound kind – are fast becoming a thing of the past.

Besides taking a load off students' backs, going textbook-free can save them a lot of money.

The pilot electronic textbook program began in the fall with four classes and about 200 students. This spring, roughly 4,000 of the school's 6,500 students will use electronic textbooks.

"I think that it's the way the world is going," said Dean L. Hubbard, Northwest's president, who is retiring in July after 25 years at the Maryville, Mo., university.

Textbook publishers say many colleges are moving toward using some electronic textbooks, but Northwest's plan to

eventually eliminate all bound textbooks makes it a leader in the movement.

"Right now, digital products account for a small percent of our higher education business, but it is growing at a rate that is breathtaking," said Jeffrey Ho, a product manager for McGraw-Hill Education.

But Northwest can only move toward a bookless campus as fast as the availability of e-books allows, Hubbard said.

"Publishers don't have all textbooks online yet," he said. "But I would think as a realistic measure we could be totally out of the printed textbook business in three years."

That idea pleases sophomore Mike Jenkins.

"I think the whole concept is pretty cool," said Jenkins, 19, of Lee's Summit, Mo. Jenkins used e-books in his history class during the fall semester.

"I would like it if we didn't have textbooks at all anymore," he said. "You wouldn't have the hassle of messing with books. The e-book is so convenient, and you don't have to carry all those books around."

Plus, unlike printed textbooks, e-books have pop-up interactive quizzes and the ability to search the full text within seconds for key words. New electronic reader technology also will allow

students to take notes in on-screen posted notes.

Jenkins found a few "minor" problems with the e-reader gadget that he and his classmates used.

"You can't look at a whole page on one screen, and it doesn't have a backlight to light up the screen, so you have to be somewhere that is well lit," he said.

Not all students were as comfortable with the electronic textbooks.

"I always worried that something would happen, like it would crash on the night I had to study for a test," said Jennifer Martin, a 22-year-old Northwest senior from Liberty, Mo.

"It's a good concept, but I didn't like it that much. I would rather flip pages back and forth in the textbook when I'm studying. Maybe it would be better to start this with freshmen who haven't yet gotten used to studying using a regular textbook."

Students who want a traditional textbook could still get one.

But the cost savings are hard to ignore, even at Northwest, a school that already is unique because of its textbook rental system and its history of giving every student a laptop.

A textbook-free campus would save the university about \$400,000 a year. Currently the university spends about

\$800,000 a year to keep an inventory of about 50,000 to 80,000 textbooks that are rented out to students. Northwest students pay about \$80 to \$90 a semester on books, a fraction of what students at other schools pay.

Northwest will continue to charge students just a rental fee. But once the e-book program goes campuswide, Hubbard said, Northwest students' book fee will be cut in half.

E-books are less expensive than bound books, which are updated every few years and then have to be repurchased by the school. E-books can be updated at no cost.

Even at schools without a rental system, students would pay far less for texts on e-books than they would for bound books.

Nationally, the cost of textbooks has soared in the last decade. The average college student spends nearly \$1,000 a year on textbooks, according to the National Association of College Stores.

Northwest will purchase the electronic readers and then load them with the e-books each student needs. The student would pick up their loaded e-reader at the university bookstore or have their electronic textbooks loaded on their laptop.

The e-book plan is being phased in,

with more faculty members signing up each year to teach classes using electronic textbooks.

"We think that students who are coming to Northwest today are more comfortable with learning from electronic text because they are used to reading from a computer screen," said Paul Klute, assistant to the president at Northwest.

"It's nothing for a student to read for two or three hours on a computer screen."

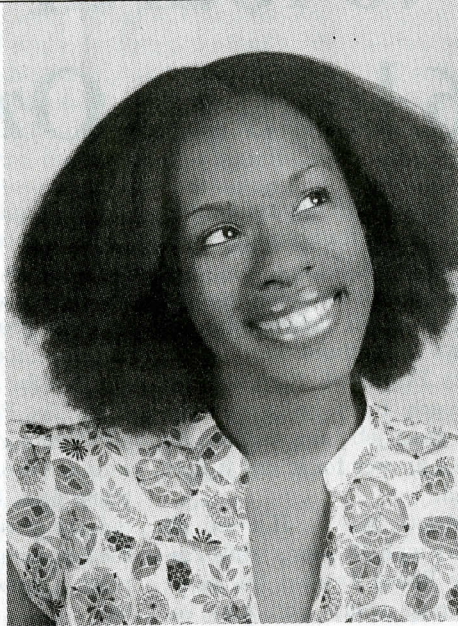
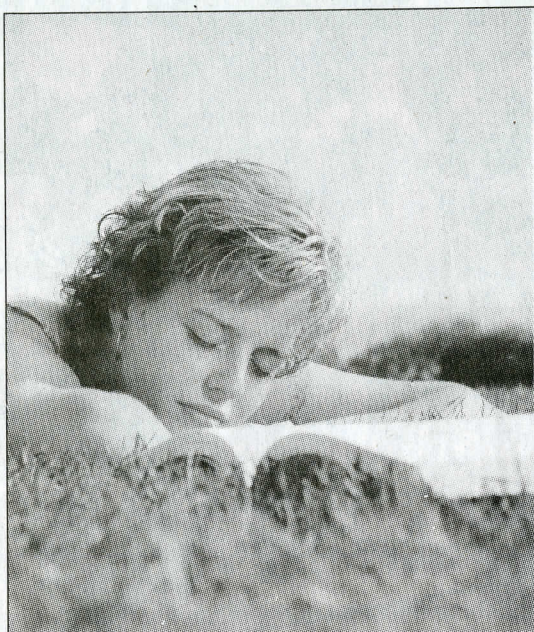
University faculty members are getting used to the idea of Northwest doing away with bound textbooks, but they hope students can choose to read the e-books on laptops, e-readers or iPods.

"We are going to have to have multiple modes of delivery," said Rod Barr, an agriculture instructor who used the e-reader gadget in one of his fall classes. "Not all students are the same and not all classes use textbooks in the same way."

Barr said the e-reader used by his students had limited use for class discussions requiring students to jump around from chapter to chapter.

"It's a good device for straight front-to-back novel reading, though," he said.

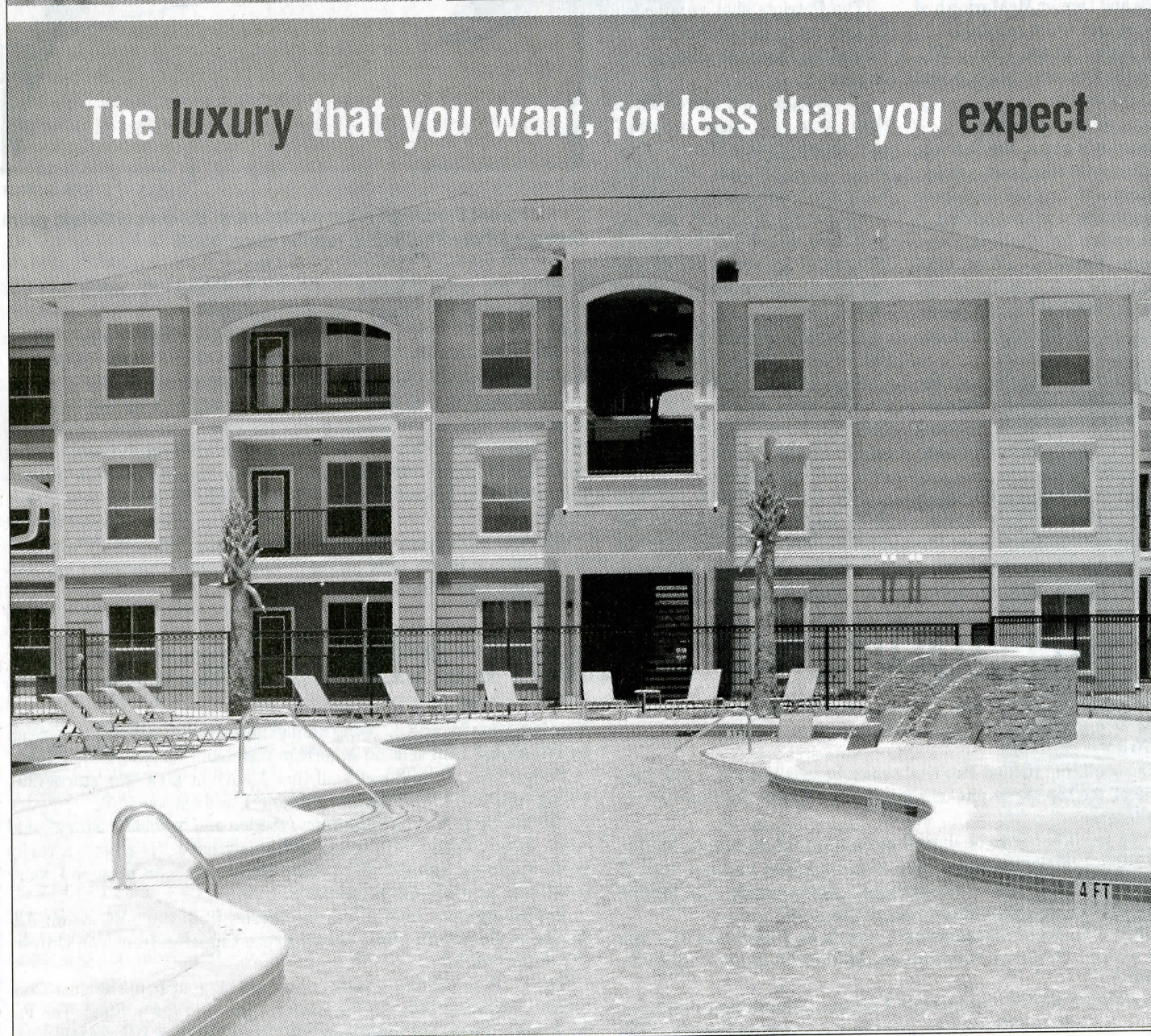
He said the more technologically savvy students in his class used the device the most, "but they also had the greatest expectations."




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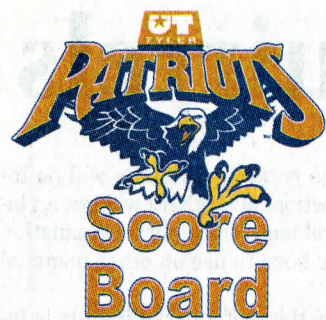
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BASKETBALL

MEN

Dec. 8 at Home
Jarvis Christian 70
UT Tyler 59

Period	1	2	Total
Jarvis Christian	33	37	70
UT Tyler	25	34	59

Dec. 13 at Austin
Concordia 98
UT Tyler 83

Period	1	2	Total
UT Tyler	31	52	83
Concordia	43	55	98

Jan. 2 at Belton
UT Tyler 78
Mary-Hardin Baylor 68

Period	1	2	Total
UT Tyler	41	37	78
UMHB	29	39	68

Jan. 8 at Home
UT Tyler 89
Howard Payne 56

Period	1	2	Total
Howard Payne	30	26	56
UT Tyler	42	47	89

Jan. 10 at Home
UT Tyler 94
Sul Ross State 75

Period	1	2	Total
Sul Ross State	34	41	75
UT Tyler	38	56	94

Jan. 15 at Home
UT Tyler 82
Louisiana College 58

Period	1	2	Total
La. College	30	28	58
UT Tyler	37	45	82

Jan. 17 at Home
Mississippi College 60
UT Tyler 59

Period	1	2	Total
Miss. College	25	35	60
UT Tyler	25	34	59

Jan. 22 at Home
UT Dallas 60
UT Tyler 54

Period	1	2	Total
UT Dallas	34	26	60
UT Tyler	23	31	54

Women end three-game losing streak

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The Patriots got a much-needed win on Saturday when they defeated The University of the Ozarks, 88-74, improving to 8-0 all-time at home against the Lady Eagles.

The win, which ends a three-game losing streak, pushes the Patriots to 7-5 in the American Southwest Conference, keeping them tied for third with Louisiana College in the ASC East Division. However, due to a loss earlier this month to the Lady Wildcats, the Patriots technically sit in the fourth and final playoff spot, losing the head-to-head tiebreaker.

However, the win on Saturday may have come at a costly price when Melissa Thomas went down early in the second half with an apparent right knee injury. Thomas is averaging 15.4 points per game and she left Saturday's game with 14 points.

The injury to Thomas now leaves the Patriots without its top two scorers. Marzetta Shepard, the leading scorer at 15.5 points per game, has missed the last three games with a concussion and is scheduled to have an MRI on Monday. Thomas is a game-time decision for Thursday.

Despite these two injuries, the remainder of the Patriots stepped up on Saturday and refused to let Ozarks come to campus and pull off the upset. A total of five Patriots finished the game with double figures in scoring.

The biggest performance of the day came from Becky Taylor, perhaps the teams' most consistent player this season. Taylor recorded yet another double-double while playing all 40 minutes, recording a game-high 27 points and 15 rebounds.

"Becky gave us a great effort today as she always does for us," coach Terri Deike said.

Right behind Taylor was Lindsay Eaton, who put in 17 points, pulled down six rebounds and dished out seven assists.

Freshman point guard Lindsay Hausmann, who is starting in place of Shepard the last three games, finished the game with 14 points, six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

"She has done a great job, along with Staci Hankins, in coming in and giving the team a spark while Shepard is out," Deike said.

The last Patriot to finish in double figures in the game was Marci Trogus who put in 11.

Leading the way for the Lady Eagles was Lacey Phillips who scored 15 points in 21 minutes before she also left the game with a knee injury.

Despite ending their three-game losing streak, Deike said she is still not fully pleased with the way her team is playing.

"When you play somebody that is at the bottom of the conference, you got to play better than we played today," Deike said. "I did not think our defense was up to par, we did not block out and our shooting percentage from the free-throw line was not as good as it usually is. It was good though to get the win and get everyone in to play and spread the ball around."

For the game, the Patriots shot 46 percent from the field (29-for-62), 33 percent from the three-point line (7-of-21) and 69 percent from the free-throw line (23-of-33).

The women did out-rebound the Lady Eagles, 47-32, while holding the Ozarks to 42 percent shooting.

"We got a lot of work to do in practice this week to get better, especially for these next few games. We need to work on ball-handling, boxing out and defensive drills," Deike said.

Up next on the schedule, for



TALON » CHRISTY GRANT

Patriots sophomore Marci Trogus, left, makes a move around Lady Comets defender Lyndsey Smith during the women's 85-77 loss Thursday night in the Herrington Patriot Center.

the Patriots is four games against two teams with combined records of 8-25.

On Thursday, the Patriots travel to Marshall to face East Texas Baptist University followed by a

trip to Longview on Saturday to take on LeTourneau University.

After that two-game road trip, the Patriots turn around and return home to face ETBU and LeTourneau again.

ETBU (4-12, 4-8 in ASC) is three games behind the Patriots for the fourth and final playoff spot while LeTourneau (4-13, 3-9 in ASC) is in a tie for last place with the Ozarks.

Jan. 24 at Home
Univ. of the Ozarks 78
UT Tyler 66

Period	1	2	Total
Ozarks	28	50	78
UT Tyler	42	24	66

WOMEN

Dec. 8 at Home
UT Tyler 73
Jarvis Christian 69

Period	1	2	Total
Jarvis Christian	34	35	69
UT Tyler	29	44	73

Dec. 13 at Austin
UT Tyler 103
Concordia 83

Period	1	2	Total
UT Tyler	42	61	103
Concordia	49	34	83

Dec. 30 at Home
Loyola (La.) 66
UT Tyler 56

Period	1	2	Total
Loyola (La.)	27	39	66
UT Tyler	17	39	56

Jan. 2 at Belton
Mary-Hardin Baylor 83
UT Tyler 63

Period	1	2	Total
UT Tyler	34	29	63
UMHB	42	41	83

Jan. 8 at Home
UT Tyler 61
Howard Payne 58

Period	1	2	Total
Howard Payne	23	35	58
UT Tyler	26	35	61

Jan. 10 at Home
UT Tyler 72
Sul Ross State 46

Period	1	2	Total
Sul Ross St.	23	23	46
UT Tyler	43	29	72

Jan. 15 at Home
Louisiana College 71
UT Tyler 66

Period	1	2	Total
La. College	35	36	71
UT Tyler	31	35	66

Jan. 17 at Home
Mississippi College 82
UT Tyler 64

Period	1	2	Total
Miss. College	43	39	82
UT Tyler	38	26	64

Jan. 22 at Home
UT Dallas 85
UT Tyler 77

Period	1	2	Total
UT Dallas	42	43	85
UT Tyler	33	44	77

Jan. 24 at Home
UT Tyler 88
Univ. of the Ozarks 74

Period	1	2	Total
Ozarks	36	38	74
UT Tyler	43	45	88

Men drop to fourth place after 88-76 loss to Ozarks

By Clay Ihlo
Staff Writer

In a matter of two games the Patriots went from battling for a first place position in the American Southwest Conference East Division to sitting in the fourth and final playoff spot.

The men needed wins against No. 20 nationally ranked University of Texas at Dallas and The University of the Ozarks (Ark.) to get into first place. Unfortunately, the opposite happened when the Patriots dropped both games.

On Thursday, against UT Dallas, the game started off as an even battle. Both teams came out playing good defense and kept one another from building a large lead. The teams traded the lead early on, but the Patriots managed to take a 17-12 lead with 10 minutes to go in the first half.

UT Dallas re-took the lead a few minutes later on a three from Jared Fleming, his only basket of the game.

After the Patriots got the lead back, UT Dallas responded with four quick points in the lane to take 34-32 lead at the half.

The second half started a little slower for both teams. After the two lead changes, UT Dallas took over the lead for good. The Comets switched to a zone defense that the Patriots had no answer for, scoring only two baskets from the floor in the last 10 minutes of the game.

The Patriots, however, kept

the score within six points, but never got the lead back en route to a 60-54 loss.

"We had no movement on anything they did defensively and I don't understand why," coach Kenny Bizot said. "Credit Comets coach Terry Butterfield, he did a great job going to that. We had no answer for it and it hurt us bad."

Patriots Marlon Hill led all scorers with 13 points while Anthony Reese finished the game with nine points and nine rebounds and Dexter McMarion had 10 points and seven rebounds.

UT Dallas' guard Jimmy Witten led the Comets with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Ozarks Game

Saturday's game, the Patriots got off to a terrific start against the Ozarks, taking the lead from the beginning and not giving it up the entire first half. Hill and Hakeem Kareem, along with Reese, came out strong scoring 25 of the Patriots' first 29 points to help take a 42-28 lead at the half.

Defense also was key in the first half success as the Patriots held the Eagles to 33 percent shooting and out-rebounded them 28-12.

However, the tables turned in the second half. The Patriots continued what they started for the first five minutes until the Eagles finally woke up. Ozarks' Chris

Williams and Andre Williams led their team on a 17-3 run that tied the game at 51-51 with just over 11 minutes left remaining.

With about six minutes remaining, the Ozarks took over the lead for good and never gave it up. The Patriots did not make a basket during the last six minutes and chose to foul to keep the score close. However, the Eagles did not miss a free throw inside the last minute, capping off a 14-point comeback by winning 78-66.

The Patriots shot an abysmal 22 percent in the second half, allowing the Eagles to shoot almost 58 percent.

"I thought we were better than what we were playing," said Ozark Coach Matt O'Connor. "I just thought offensively we weren't active enough and we really turned it around with our best motion half of the season. [We were] so active on offense and our decision making made all the difference."

For Bizot, he said his team just did not meet the challenge of the Ozarks' defense in the second half. He also said that his team needs to find their scoring that they had earlier in the season when they were winning games.

"We need to figure out why we're scoring so few points. We need to find a way to move the ball quicker so we can get some more shots and some of our guys



TALON >> KYLE G. HORST

Patriots guard Dexter McMarion pivots around Mississippi College guard Clarence Jeffery. The Patriots lost the game, 60-59.

need to step up and make shots for this basketball team," Bizot said.

Hill led all scorers once again with 23 points and Kareem put in a career high 15 rebounds while scoring 18. The two Williams' for the Eagles combined for 35 of the total 78 points while also going 6-of-8 from behind the three-point line.

The two losses move the Patriots down to a tie for third in the ASC East with Mississippi Col-

lege, behind UT-Dallas and LeTourneau.

However, due to a loss earlier this month to Mississippi College, the Patriots technically sit in the fourth and final playoff spot with the Ozarks in fifth place, one game behind the Patriots.

The Patriots continue conference play Thursday when they travel to East Texas Baptist University followed by a trip to LeTourneau University on Saturday.

Booher named 2009 pre-season All-American



BOOHER

By Clay Ihlo
Staff Writer

D3baseball.com named Patriots' senior baseball player Blake Booher one of the top three pitchers in NCAA Division III Baseball for the 2009 season.

"It is a great honor to be named pre-season All-American, but the award is a prediction on the season to come, which means I need to work hard to live up to the expectations," Booher said. "I'm looking forward to a fun and competitive season this year."

Booher, a business management major from Hurst, was 11-1 last season with a 2.06 earned run average, striking out 84 and only giving up 62 hits.

The right-hander was named the American Southwest Conference East Division Pitcher of the Year and the West Region Pitcher of the

Year last year, as well as being named as a second team All-American by D3baseball.com and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Booher also is the school's all-time leader in wins (21), starts (29), innings pitched (178), complete games (7), and shutouts (5).

"He's a big part of our program, rotation and baseball history," said coach James Vilade. "He works extremely hard. He's been a really good all around student and person since he's been here and we're proud that he made All-American."

Booher was one of two players chosen from the ASC as an All-American along with utility player Bruce Cameron from The University of the Ozarks.

The Patriots open up the 2009 season Feb. 6 at home against Concordia University-Texas in the Easton Classic at Irwin Field. The Patriots play Trinity University on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 at Irwin Field.

UT Tyler announces fall 2008 dean's list

The University of Texas at Tyler has named 246 students to the Dean's List for the 2008 fall semester, President Rodney Mabry announced.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed at least 12 semester credit hours at the university with a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Dean's List students, listed by hometown are:

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ARLINGTON – Tricia A. Dankyi.

ATHENS – Jhovanny Ortega and Jessica Susan Pierson.

AUSTIN – Kerrie Anne Ambort and Michelle Kirsten Hagler.

BEAUMONT – Megan Lauren Kelley.

BEDFORD – Raydene Annette Crawford, Ashley Elizabeth Stewart and Brooke Elizabeth Saddler.

BEN WHEELER – Jennifer Suzann Lees.

BIG SANDY – Roxanna Jean West and Zachary Savory White.

BLUE MOUND – Kyla Lynn Moore.

BROWNSBORO – Lisa Kay San Miguel.

BUFFALO – Christine Carolyn Henson.

BULLARD – Rebecca Grace Taylor and Eric James Whitener.

CARROLLTON – Brandon Tyler Marlow.

CEDAR PARK – Angela Janiece Gash.

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HAWKINS – Heidi Theresa McKenna, Alexander Ryan Tindall and Meghan A. Searer.

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HOLLY LAKE RANCH – Elysha Marie Tijerina and Rendie Nicole Vancleave.

HOUSTON – Kyle Graham Bondy, Jeremy Lawrence Harding,

HUMBLE – Preston Scott Buchanan and Arielle Ynette Washington.

IRVING – Tyler Kent Story.

JACKSONVILLE – Arielle Marlene Arrington, Janet Louise Dennis, Travis Clark Evans, Rhonda Renee Parker, Ryan Christopher Sanford and Mandi Janine Stephens.

JEFFERSON – John Hamilton Best and Kazia Lari Noble.

KELLER – Danielle R. Oster.

KEMP – Holii Rene Shelton.

KILGORE – Hailey Calloway, Andrea Nicole Dukes, Mark William Foxworth, , Nicole and Amber Powell.

LANEVILLE – Lindsey L. Walker.

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LOUISIANA – Rachael A. Roeten and Robin Jennifer Westby.

Congratulations to those who made the cut. Nice work Patriots!

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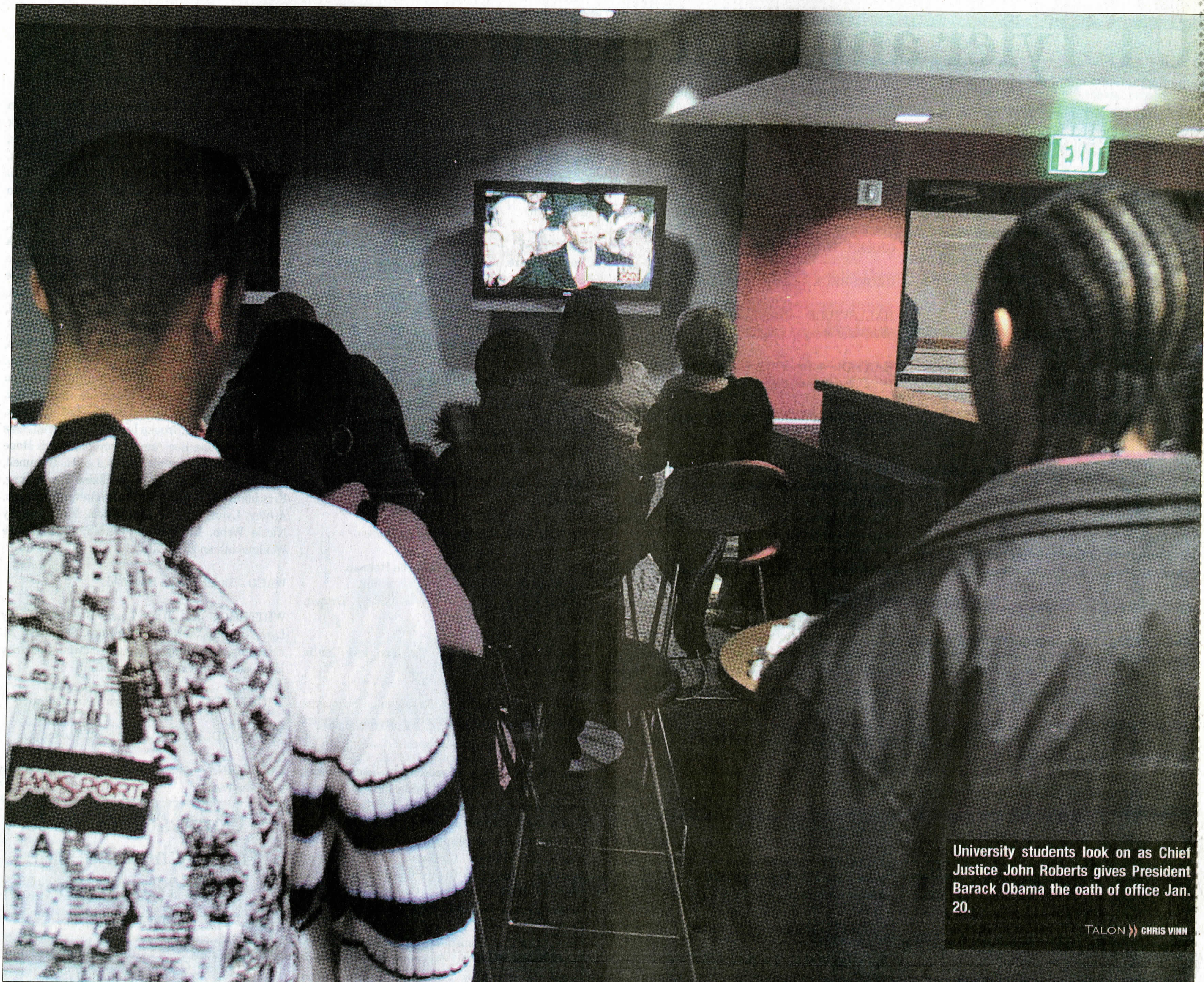
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